

the French Public Debt No. 279,732 of *Seriè 7*, coming from the Michaux legacy.

“*Resolved*, That Frederick Fraley, President, and J. Sergeant Price, Treasurer, of the American Philosophical Society, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver under the corporate seal of the Society a power of attorney in legal form constituting John H. Harjes, of the firm of Drexel, Harjes & Co., Paris, France, the attorney of said Society to sell, assign and transfer to any purchaser thereof, the 2778 francs French three per cent *Rentes* described in the foregoing resolution, and to do all matters and things legally necessary for the sale, transfer and assignment of the said *Rentes* that may be required by the French Treasury.”

The resolutions were seconded by Dr. Ruschenberger, and after due consideration were unanimously agreed to and further action thereon was ordered to be made part of the stated business of the meeting of the Society to be held on May 20th, 1887, of which due notice shall be given to the members.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Stated Meeting, May 20, 1887.*

Present, 38 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. W. H. Wahl was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: Envoys, from the Hong Kong Observatory; Geological Survey of India; Naturforschende Verein in Brünn; K. Sachsischer Alterthums-Verein, Dresden; Meteorological Office, London; Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Letters of acknowledgment from the South African Philosophical Society, Cape Town (96-123 and Register, etc.); Prof. J. J. Steenstrup, Copenhagen (124); Observatorio Astronomico Nacional Mexicano (123).

Accessions to the Library were received from the Hong Kong Observatory; China Branch of the R. Asiatic Society,

Shanghai; The Great Trigonometrical Survey of India, Dehra Dun; K. Russische Geographische Gesellschaft, St. Petersburg; Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Wien; Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie, &c., K. Preussische Geologische Landesanstalt und Bergakademie, Gesellschaft für Erdkunde, Berlin; Naturforschende Verein in Brünn; Gartenbauverein zu Darmstadt; Sachsische Geschichte und Alterthumskunde Verein, Dresden; Prof. Dr. Paul Albrecht, Hamburg; K. Sachsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, L. Fernan (publisher), Leipzig; Verein für Erdkunde, Stettin; Société Hollandaise des Sciences à Harlem; Académie R. de Belgique, Bruxelles; Biblioteca N. C. di Firenze; R. Società Italiana D'Igiene, Milan; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; Société Americaine de France, Société de Géographie, Paris; R. Accademia de la Historia, Madrid; Meteorological Council, Nature, London; Nova Scotia Institute of Natural Sciences, Halifax; Harvard University, Cambridge; Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence; Buffalo Library; American Chemical Society, publisher of "The Public Service Review," Prof. Samuel Lockwood, New York; College of Pharmacy, Zoölogical Society, Philadelphia; Prof. Ira Remsen, Baltimore; U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis; U. S. Geological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Horn, from the Committee on the "Datames Magna," reported progress, and on motion the committee was continued.

The following deaths were announced: Prof. Bernard Studer, Berne, May 2, 1887, in his 93d year; John T. Napier, Rothesay, Scotland, May, 1887, in his 29th.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint a suitable person to prepare the usual obituary notice of Mr. Napier.

The minutes of the Board of Officers and Council were submitted.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint at his leisure a committee of five (5) members to examine the communication signed "Magellan," submitted for the Magellanic premium, and to report to Council as to its merits.

Notice having been given to the members that the Society would take a final action upon the question of the sale of the French *Rentes*, constituting the Michaux legacy, the same was taken up as the stated business of the meeting and considered, and the resolution passed at the last stated meeting of the Society was again put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

This being the stated meeting for balloting for members an election was gone into, and after scrutiny, by the tellers, of the votes given, the following were declared to have been duly elected members of the Society:

- No. 2136. Mr. Joseph S. Harris, Philadelphia.
- No. 2137. Dr. William Powell Wilson, Philadelphia.
- No. 2138. Dr. James Tyson, Philadelphia.
- No. 2139. Mr. William Henry Rawle, Philadelphia.
- No. 2140. Mr. Henry D. Wireman, Philadelphia.
- No. 2141. Prof. Albert H. Smyth, Philadelphia.
- No. 2142. Miss Helen C. de S. Abbott, Philadelphia.
- No. 2143. Mr. Henry H. Houston, Philadelphia.
- No. 2144. Prof. William T. Barnard, Baltimore.

Pending nominations Nos. 1156, 1159 and 1164 were on motion deferred until the next regular meeting for the balloting for candidates.

Pending nomination No. 1169 and new nomination No. 1170 were read.

A paper was presented, through the Secretaries, by Prof. John J. Stevenson, "Notes on the Surface Geology of Southwest Virginia."

A letter was read from Dr. Frazer in reference to the discharge, at the last meeting, of the committee appointed April 1st, asking that "the action of the Society be recalled."

Dr. J. Cheston Morris moved "that the resolution of the Society adopted at the last meeting discharging the said committee be reconsidered."

The motion was seconded and after discussion being put to a vote, the yeas were 15 and nays 20, and the Society refused to reconsider the said motion.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.